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YIELDS OF COTTON IN IRRIGATED TRACTS
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether declining yields of cotton have been noticed in the irrigated tracts of Punjab, Haryana and Rajasthan which could cause damage to cotton growers and to the user industry; and

(b) if so, the factors responsible therefor and the steps contemplated by the Government to raise current low yield?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV)

(a) & (b): Although the yield of cotton in the states of Punjab, Haryana and Rajasthan during the past years has not shown any significant variation, as will be seen from the table below there has been extensive damage to the cotton crop in the last season due to attack of pest & disease. In order to tackle the problem, under the Technology Mission on Cotton, assistance is being provided to the state governments of these states for promoting Integrated Pest Management (IPM) through demonstrationand training of farmers etc.

(kgs per hectare)

STATE	YEAR		
	1998-1999	1999-2000	2000-2001
Punjab	180	340	430
Haryana	255	408	424
Rajasthan	230	287	268